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MOST PROPHECIES CAN BE BLISSFULLY IGNORED.
Krypton.
"IT'S STARTED.
"LARA...
BUT SOMETIMES EVENTS ARE FORETOLD WHICH HOLD TOO MUCH TRUTH.
...IT'S HAPPENING.
RRRRRMMBBBLLLLLLE
RRRMMBB
BBLLLLLLE
IT CAN'T BE.
IT IS. I'M SO SORRY.
THIS IS OUR SON'S ONLY CHANCE NOW.
AND IGNORING THESE DIVINATIONS WOULD NOT JUST BE FOOLHARDY...

In the BEGINNING

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THE PROPHECY BEGAN...
Come from the stars.
RRRRRRRRRRW
PSSSSSH

HE'S COMING!
They will look like us.

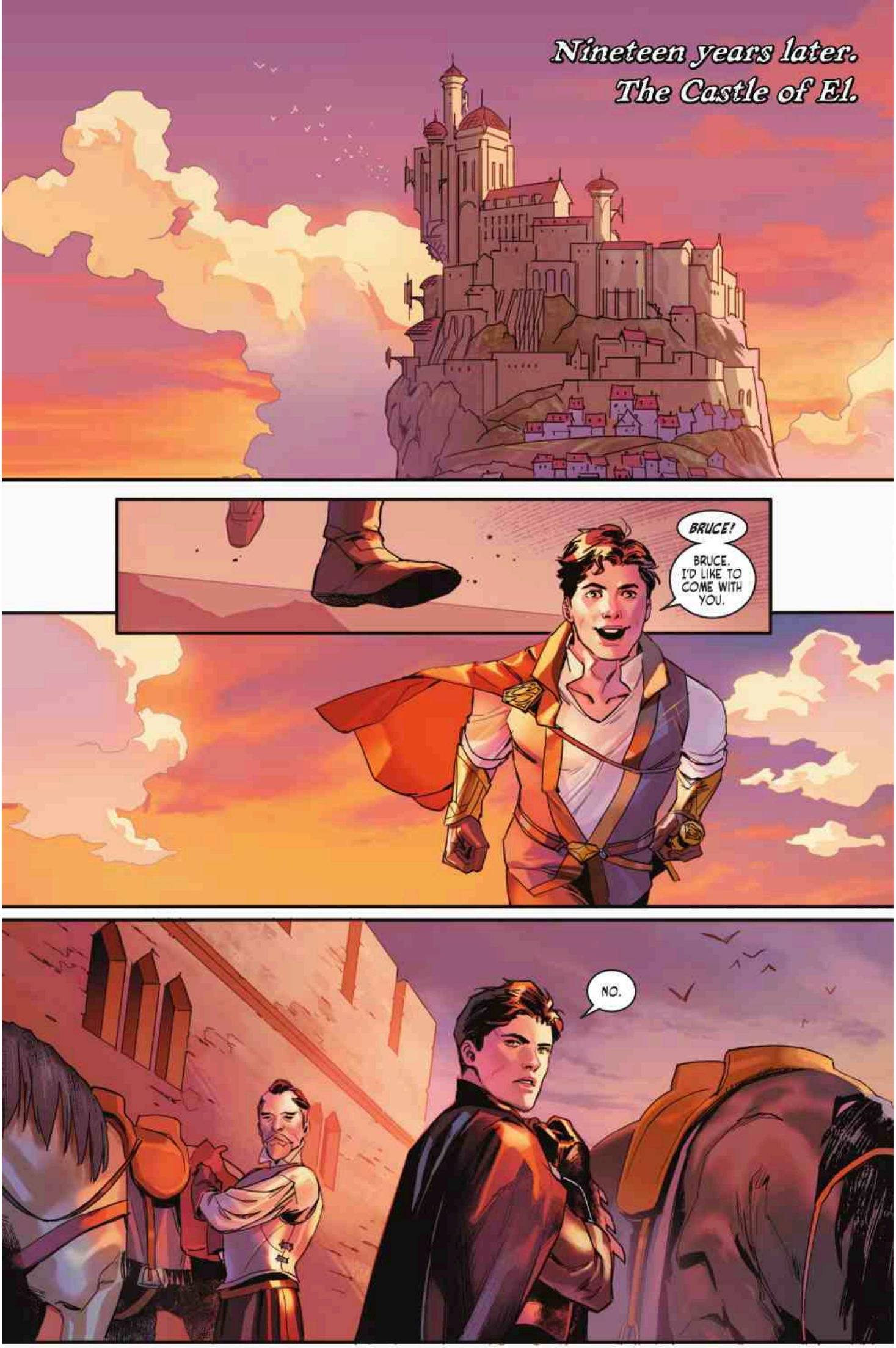
JOR-EL!
WE'RE NOT A THREAT.
They will sound like us.
DO NOT DO THIS!
JOR-EL!
PLEASE. PLEASE, SHE'S IN LABOR!
HE'S COMING!
NO!
But they are not like us...

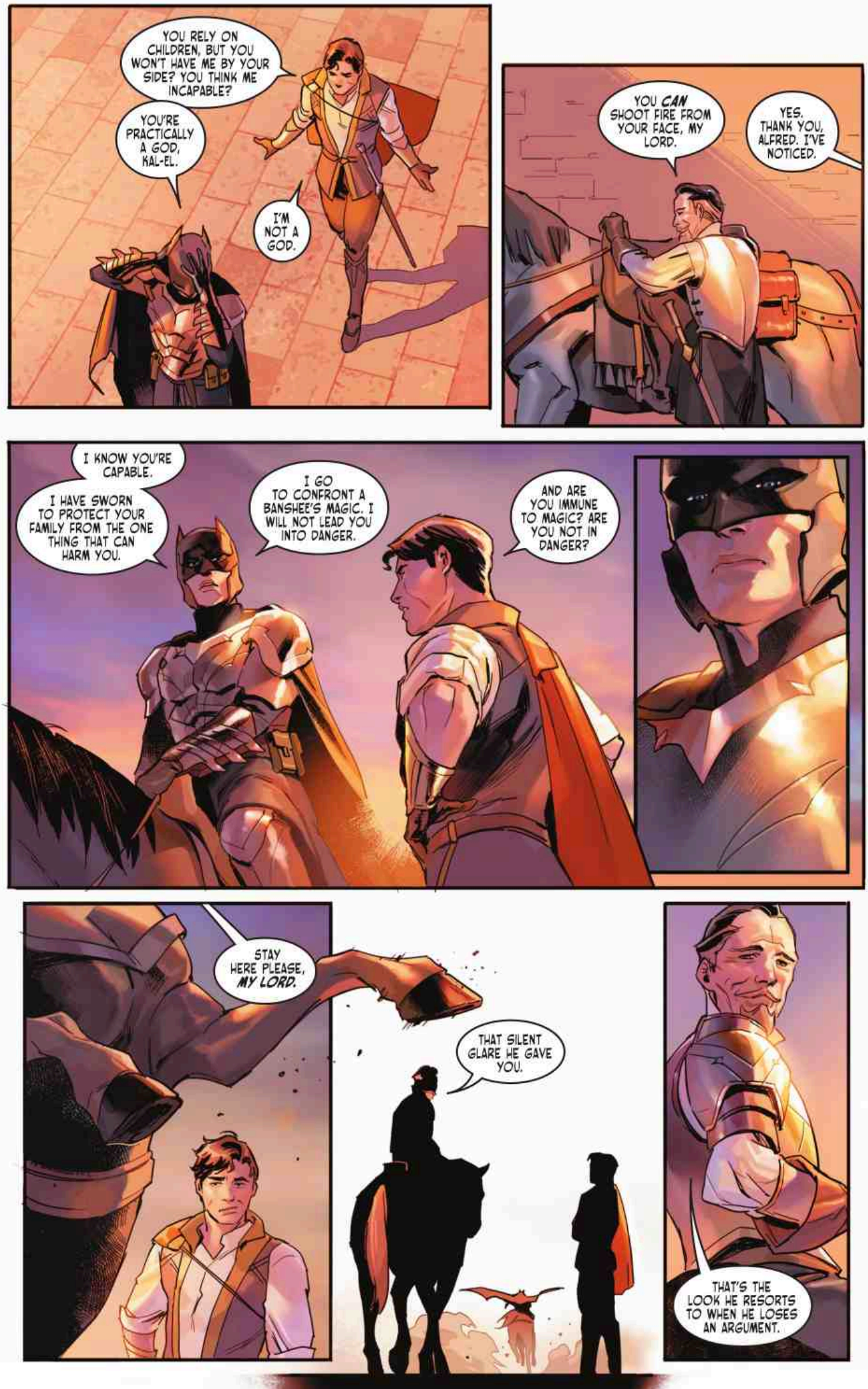
...they are demons.
FWOOOM
HZZZZT
AGHHHHH!
WAAAAA!
MY BOY...
KAL-EL.
JOR?
WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S ALL RIGHT...

...EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.
And the demons will take our world.

Kingdom of Storms.
THEY ARE HERE!
hey are here.
THEY HAVE STEPPED ONTO OUR WORLD FROM THEIRS!
They have stepped onto our world from theirs.
THE GREEN MAN WAITS.
FIRE AND BLOOD.
GODS ARE BORN AND GODS ARE KILLED.
The green man waits. Fire and blood. Gods are born and gods are killed.
YOU SHOULD NOT BE HERE, YOUR HIGHNESS.
JEFFERSON. MY KING, THIS HOVEL IS NOT FIT FOR--
KEEP WRITING!
CASTLES CRUMBLE.
PEOPLE TEAR AS EASILY AS PARCHMENT.
Castles crumble. People tear as easily as parchment.

SWIFTER THAN A CROSSBOW BOLT.
Swifter than a crossbow bolt.
THE CONSTANTINE BOY IS TALKING IN TONGUES.
KEEP WRITING, EDDINGS. EVERY WORD.
MORE POWERFUL THAN CASTLE WALLS.
More powerful than castle walls.
SOARING OVER MOATS AND FORTIFICATIONS.
Soaring over moats and fortifications.
LOOK... UP IN THE SKY...
Look...up in the sky...
WHAT IS IT, CONSTANTINE? WHAT DO YOU SEE?
OUR @#$%@#$ END.
...our end.


Nineteen years later.
The Castle of El.
BRUCE!
BRUCE. I'D LIKE TO COME WITH YOU.
NO.


YOU RELY ON CHILDREN, BUT YOU WON'T HAVE ME BY YOUR SIDE? YOU THINK ME INCAPABLE?
YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A GOD, KAL-EL.
I'M NOT A GOD.
YOU *CAN* SHOOT FIRE FROM YOUR FACE, MY LORD.
YES. THANK YOU, ALFRED. I'VE NOTICED.
I KNOW YOU'RE CAPABLE.
I HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM THE ONE THING THAT CAN HARM YOU.
I GO TO CONFRONT A BANSHEE'S MAGIC. I WILL NOT LEAD YOU INTO DANGER.
AND ARE YOU IMMUNE TO MAGIC? ARE YOU NOT IN DANGER?
STAY HERE PLEASE, *MY LORD.*
THAT SILENT GLARE HE GAVE YOU.
THAT'S THE LOOK HE RESORTS TO WHEN HE LOSES AN ARGUMENT.

Feist Village.
RICHARD.
DUKE.
REPORT.
WE TRACKED THE BANSHEE TO THE PULLMAN.
THE OTHER ROBINS ARE EVACUATING THE INN NOW.
I'LL GUARD THE GATES, IN CASE SHE GETS AWAY FROM YOU.
SHE WON'T.

The Pullman.
Pullman Inn
JASON? IS THERE A REASON YOU'RE DRAGGING THAT MAN?
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS. MAKES WALKING HARD.
HE'S THE INNKEEPER. HE WOULDN'T LEAVE. I DID TRY REASONING WITH HIM.
FROM NOW ON, STEPHANIE DOES ALL THE REASONING. AN ALARMING AMOUNT OF YOUR ATTEMPTS AT DIPLOMACY END WITH SOMEONE COMATOSE.
THE INN'S EMPTY ASIDE FROM THE BANSHEE.
SHE'S IN THE THIRD ROOM IN THE BACK ON THE BOTTOM FLOOR. DOOR'S BOLTED FROM THE INSIDE. SHE'S ALONE.
YOU'VE DONE WELL, ROBINS.
I'M GOING IN.

GET UP, BANSHEE. SLOWLY.
THE DOOR WAS BOLTED. HOW DID YOU GET IN--?
DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
YES. YOU'RE THE BASTARD BAT-PRINCE.
THEN YOU KNOW NOT TO ATTEMPT TO FLEE.
ARE YOU AN ASSASSIN SENT BY KING JEFFERSON?
I HAVE NO WISH TO HARM THE ELS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH HARM THEY WISH UPON ME.
MAGIC AND YOUR KIND ARE OUTLAWED IN THIS KINGDOM. YOU HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW BY BEING HERE.
YOU WILL BE IMPRISONED, BANSHEE. YOU WILL NOT BE MISTREATED IF YOU COME PEACEFULLY AND QUIETLY.
MY NAME IS DINAH. AND, AS FOR "QUIETLY"...

SHEEEEEEEE
CSSHH
CSSHH
STRETCH

HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
WHY ARE YOU NOT TORN TO PIECES?
I... DON'T KNOW.
HNNG!
SCREEEEEEEE

SHH.
EEEEEEEMMF.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A MONSTER.
YOU JUST LOOK SCARED.
THNK
WAS THAT REALLY NECESSARY, BRUCE?
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

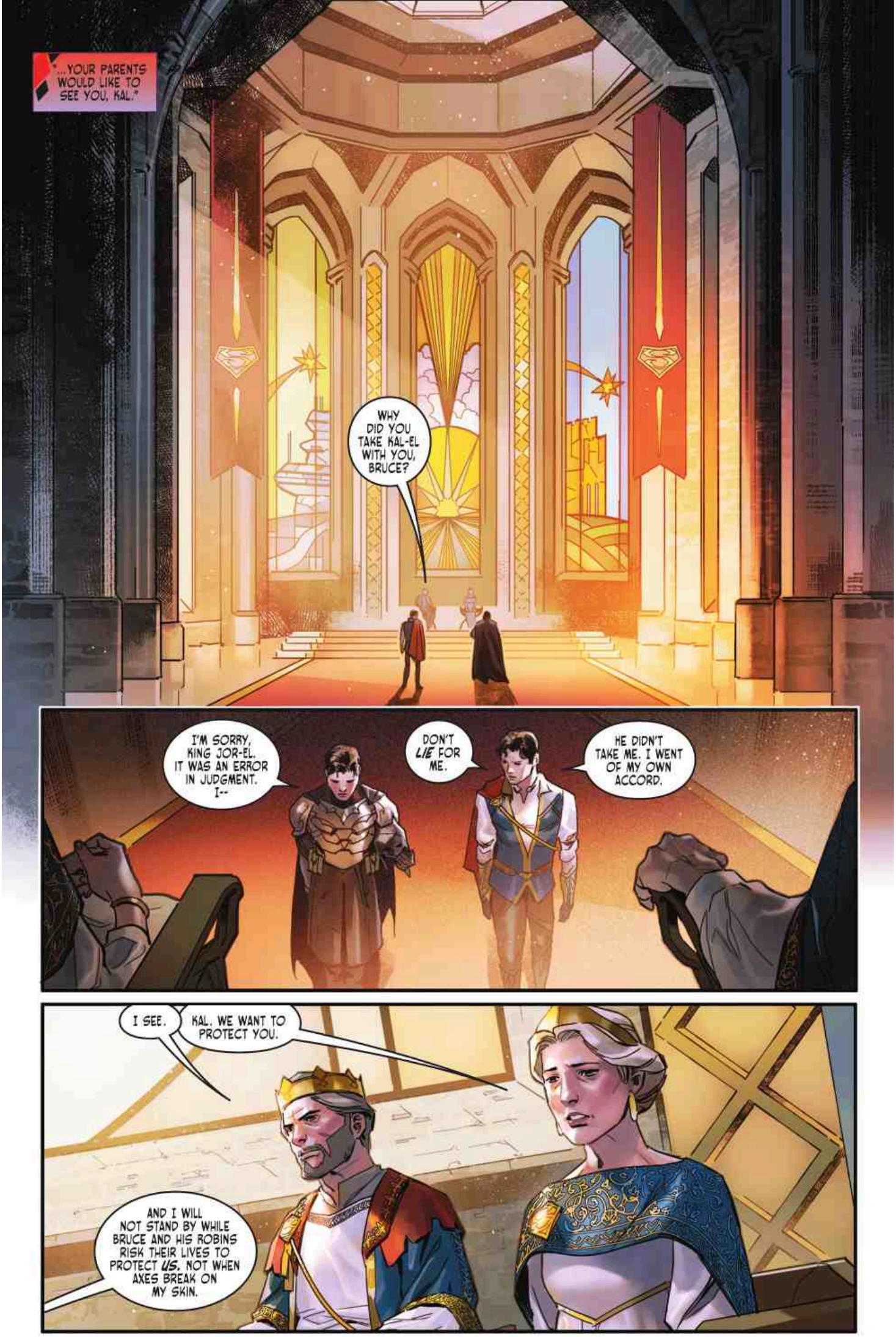
WE SHOULD PROBABLY FIND A WAY TO GAG THE BANSHEE.
YES.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES. I'M FINE.
YOU'RE BLEEDING FROM THE EARS A FAIR AMOUNT FOR SOMEONE WHO'S "FINE".

I'M FINE.
SURE. STOICISM IS A WELL-KNOWN TREATMENT FOR BRAIN INJURY.

BRING HER...

"...SHE BELONGS IN THE EL DUNGEONS WITH THE OTHERS."
BRUCE!
DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE AN UNCONSCIOUS WOMAN ON THE BACK OF YOUR HORSE?
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A CENTAUR, THAT'S REALLY NOT HOW IT WORKS.
DO NOT TORMENT ME TODAY, QUINN.
BUT... YOU'RE SO MUCH FUN TO TORMENT.
AND IT'S SO EASY.
YOU'RE SO DARK AND BROODING.
BUT WITH THE LITTLE EARS.
TINK
LEAVE HIM ALONE, HARLEY.
ALL RIGHT. BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE BOTH IN ENOUGH TROUBLE...


"...YOUR PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU, KAL."
WHY DID YOU TAKE KAL-EL WITH YOU, BRUCE?
I'M SORRY, KING JOR-EL. IT WAS AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT. I--
DON'T LIE FOR ME.
HE DIDN'T TAKE ME. I WENT OF MY OWN ACCORD.
I SEE.
KAL. WE WANT TO PROTECT YOU.
AND I WILL NOT STAND BY WHILE BRUCE AND HIS ROBINS RISK THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT US. NOT WHEN AXES BREAK ON MY SKIN.

THE BANSHEE. YOU FOUND HER?
SHE'S IN THE DUNGEON WITH THE OTHERS. SHE HAS BEEN MUZZLED.
YOU BELIEVE SHE WAS COMING FOR US?
SHE WASN'T COMING FOR US. WE CAME FOR HER.
MY ROBIN IN JEFFERSON'S COURT LEARNED A MAGICAL ASSASSIN HAD BEEN SENT.
THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT HER.
FATHER, YOU TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING GOOD WE'VE BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD, YET WE'RE LOCKING AWAY *INNOCENTS.*
THEY ARE NOT INNOCENT. THEY ARE MAGIC.
WE ARE THE LAST OF OUR RACE, KAL-EL.
I WILL DO WHATEVER I DEEM NECESSARY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT US.
AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL I CAN TO PROTECT YOU, MY KING AND QUEEN.
BRUCE. FOR THE LAST TIME, YOUR PARENTS WERE OUR MONARCHS AND OUR FRIENDS.
THIS IS AS MUCH YOUR HOME AS OURS AND YOU DO NOT KNEEL IN IT.

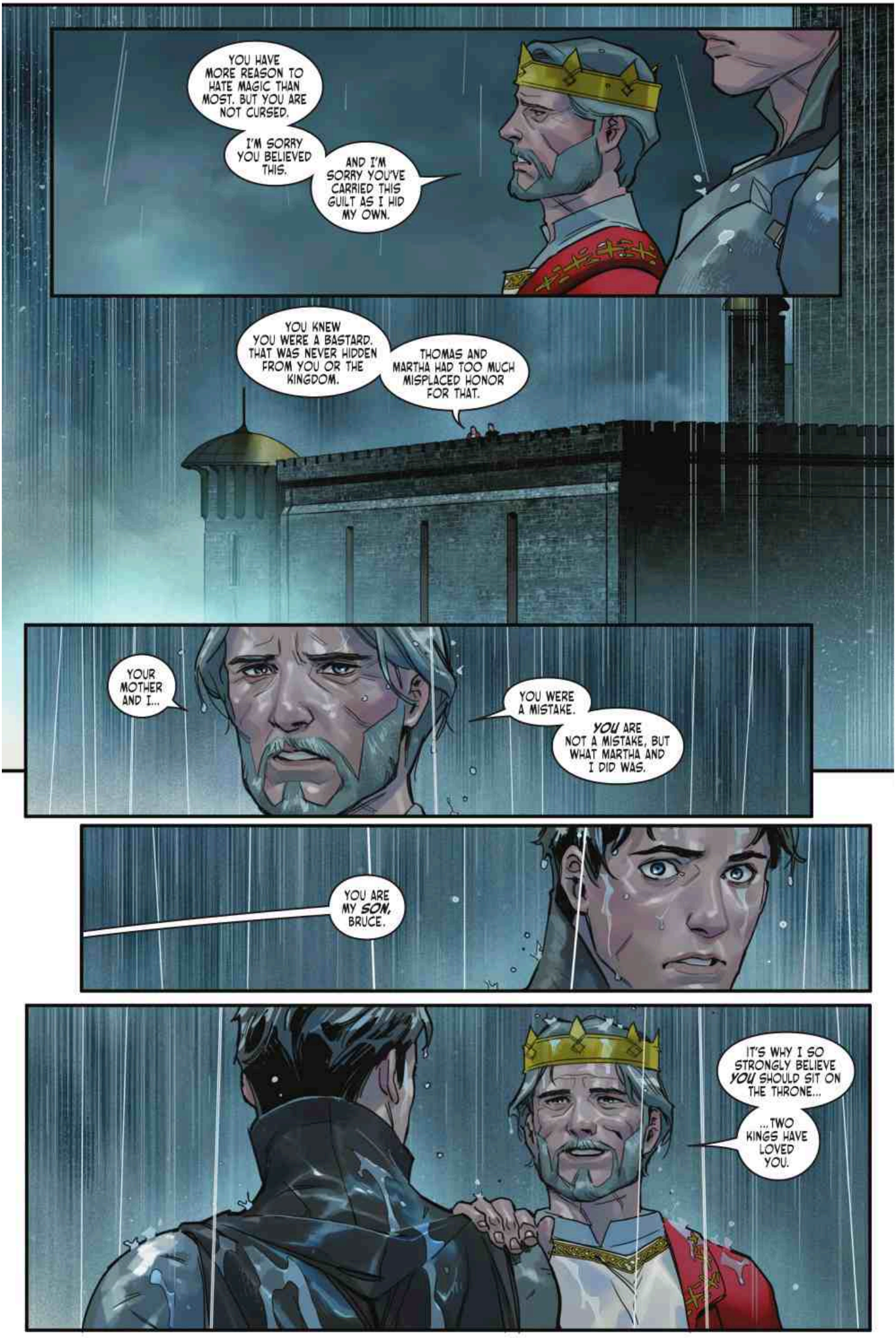
IF I HAD MY WAY, YOU WOULD BE SITTING HERE INSTEAD OF US.
THEY SEE YOU AS A GOD.
AND I AM A BASTARD.

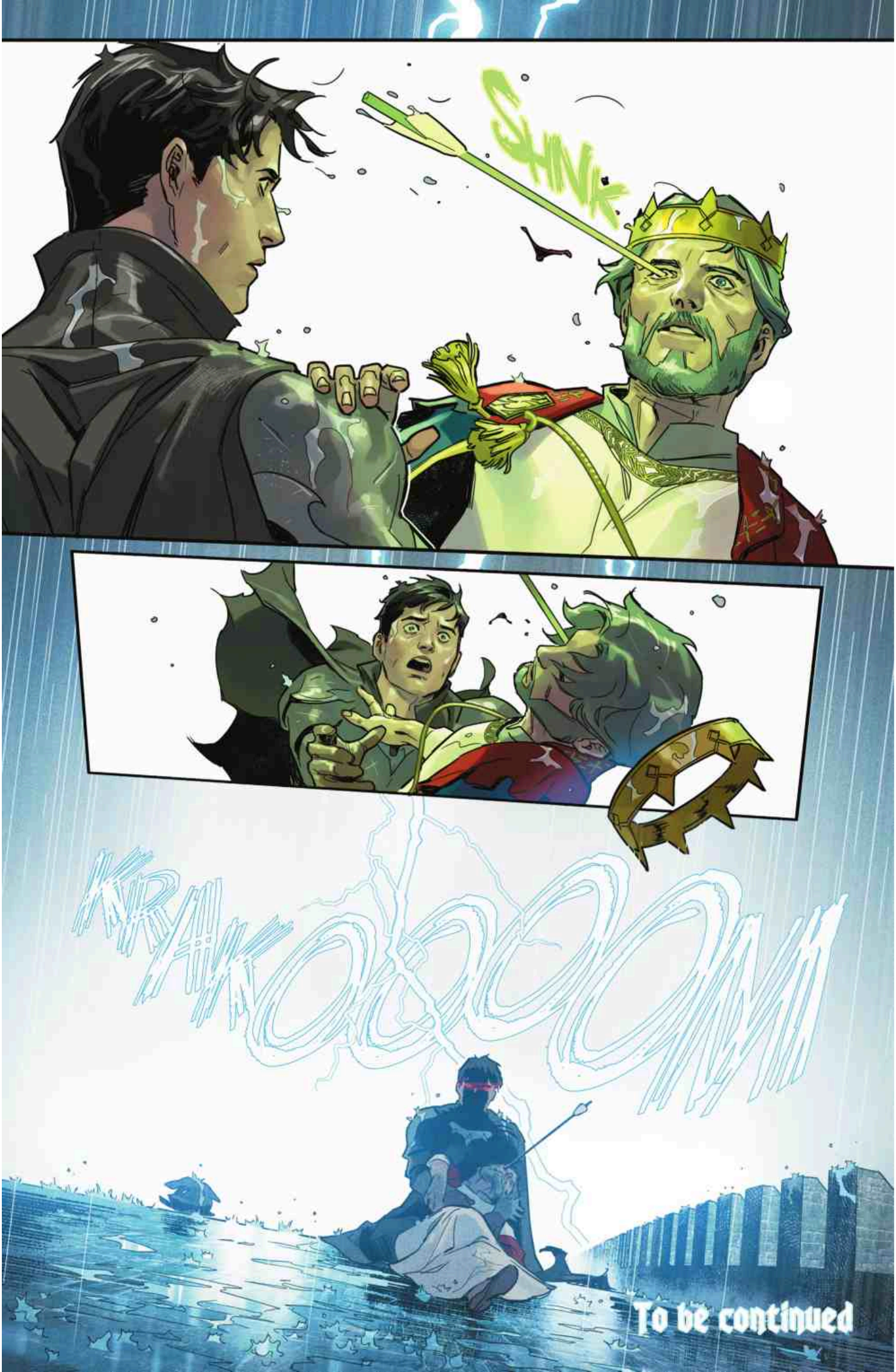
AND?
WHO CARES?
THE ENTIRE KINGDOM. THE KINGDOM I SERVE.
OUR TRADITIONS DO NOT STOP AT THE WHIM OF A SMILING SPACEMAN!
YOUR "TRADITIONS" ARE THE MOST BACKWARD, IDIOTIC--

ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ENOUGH.
BRUCE. TAKE A WALK WITH ME...

KRA KOOOOM
IT'S A STORM, BRUCE. IT'S JUST THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.
I HAVE EVERY REASON TO FEAR THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.
YOU SHOULD, TOO.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM MORE AGITATED THAN USUAL.
I... I'M AFRAID, MY LORD. I HAVEN'T WANTED TO SAY ANYTHING.
TODAY, I STOOD IN THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION. WOOD TURNED TO SPLINTERS AND STONE CRACKED AROUND ME.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED. TORN APART, YET I LIVE.
IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SURVIVED AN ENCOUNTER LIKE THIS.
I HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT YOU FROM MAGIC... BUT THE GREEN MAN, WHEN HE ATTACKED...
I CAN... DO THINGS. I HAVE COME TO SUSPECT THERE IS DARK MAGIC WITHIN ME. I SHOULD BE BANISHED TO PROTECT YOU, OR LOCKED AWAY.
I BELIEVE I AM CURSED.
KRAKOOOM

Hobb Forest.
THIS MAKES ME UNEASY.
IT FEELS COWARDLY. DISHONORABLE.
THE RING SPOKE TO ME, OLIVER. THIS IS HOW THE WORLD IS SAVED.
YOU'RE SURE THIS WILL WORK?
IT WILL MAKE THE DISTANCE. THE MAGIC WILL DO THE REST. ONLY YOUR AIM IS IN QUESTION.
HEH. MY AIM ISN'T A CONCERN, GREEN MAN.
THP


YOU HAVE MORE REASON TO HATE MAGIC THAN MOST. BUT YOU ARE NOT CURSED.
I'M SORRY YOU BELIEVED THIS.
AND I'M SORRY YOU'VE CARRIED THIS GUILT AS I HID MY OWN.
YOU KNEW YOU WERE A BASTARD. THAT WAS NEVER HIDDEN FROM YOU OR THE KINGDOM.
THOMAS AND MARTHA HAD TOO MUCH MISPLACED HONOR FOR THAT.
YOUR MOTHER AND I...
YOU WERE A MISTAKE.
YOU ARE NOT A MISTAKE, BUT WHAT MARTHA AND I DID WAS.
YOU ARE MY *SON*, BRUCE.
IT'S WHY I SO STRONGLY BELIEVE *YOU* SHOULD SIT ON THE THRONE...
...TWO KINGS HAVE LOVED YOU.


SHNK
KRAKOOOM
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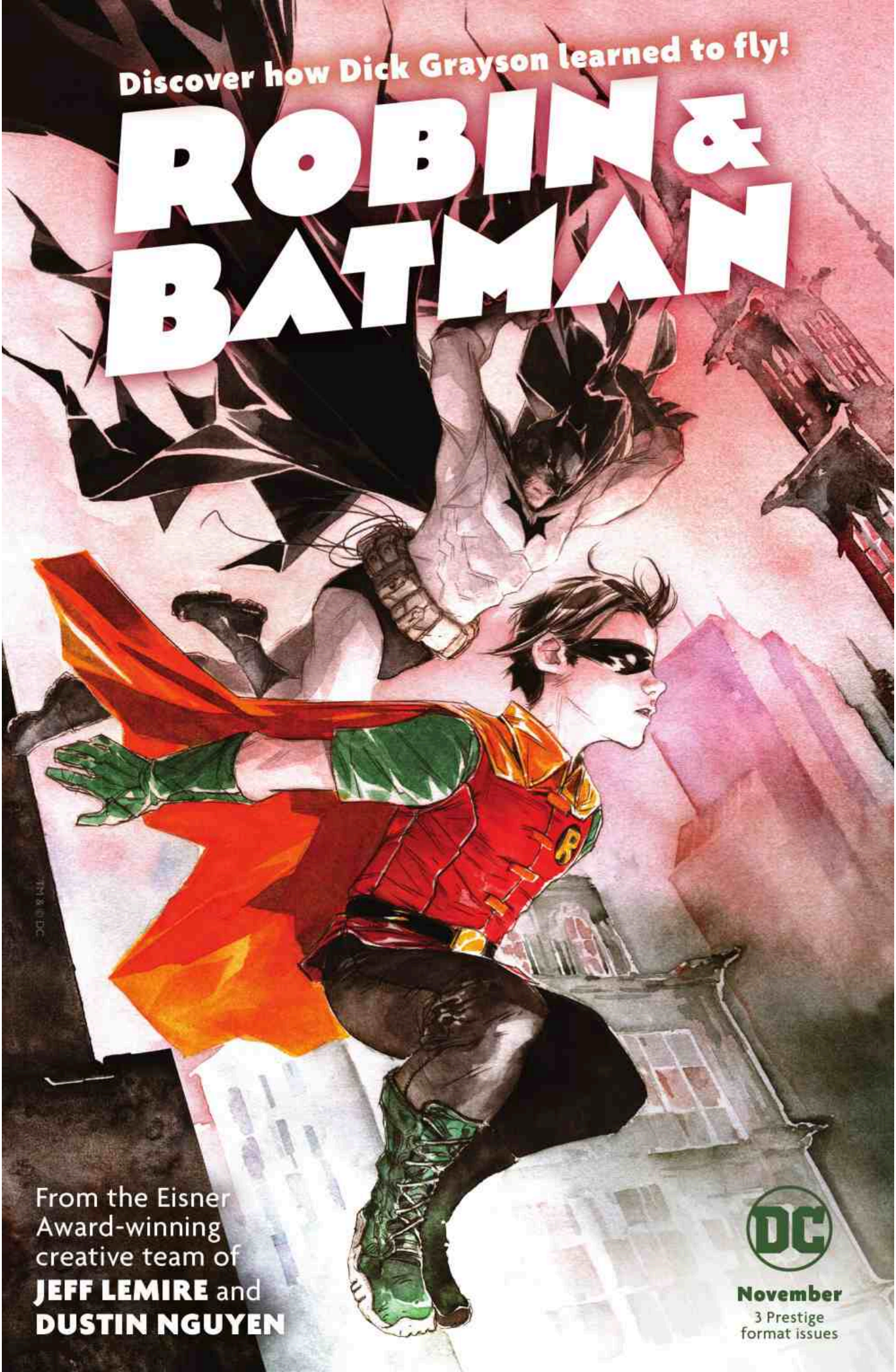
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JUSTICE LEAGUE INCARNATE

Following the events of *Infinite Frontier,* a team of heroes from across the Multiverse—led by President Superman of Earth-23, alongside Flashpoint Batman, China's Flash from Earth-0, Captain Carrot from Earth-26, and the all-new Doctor Multiverse—join forces to protect all of existence from Darkseid in the new five-issue series *Justice League Incarnate* from writers Joshua Williamson and Dennis Culver, and artists including Andrei Bressan and Brandon Peterson.

Who exactly is Doctor Multiverse? You'll have to read *Justice League Incarnate* #1 to find out—but here's some early intel courtesy of the creative team.

ALTER EGO: Dr. Maya Chamara

OCCUPATION: Astronaut

RESIDENCE: Toronto, Canada, Earth-8

GROUP AFFILIATION: Justice League Incarnate

HISTORY: When the Multiverse was cracked by Darkseid, a cosmic autoimmune response manifested a unique superhero known as Doctor Multiverse.

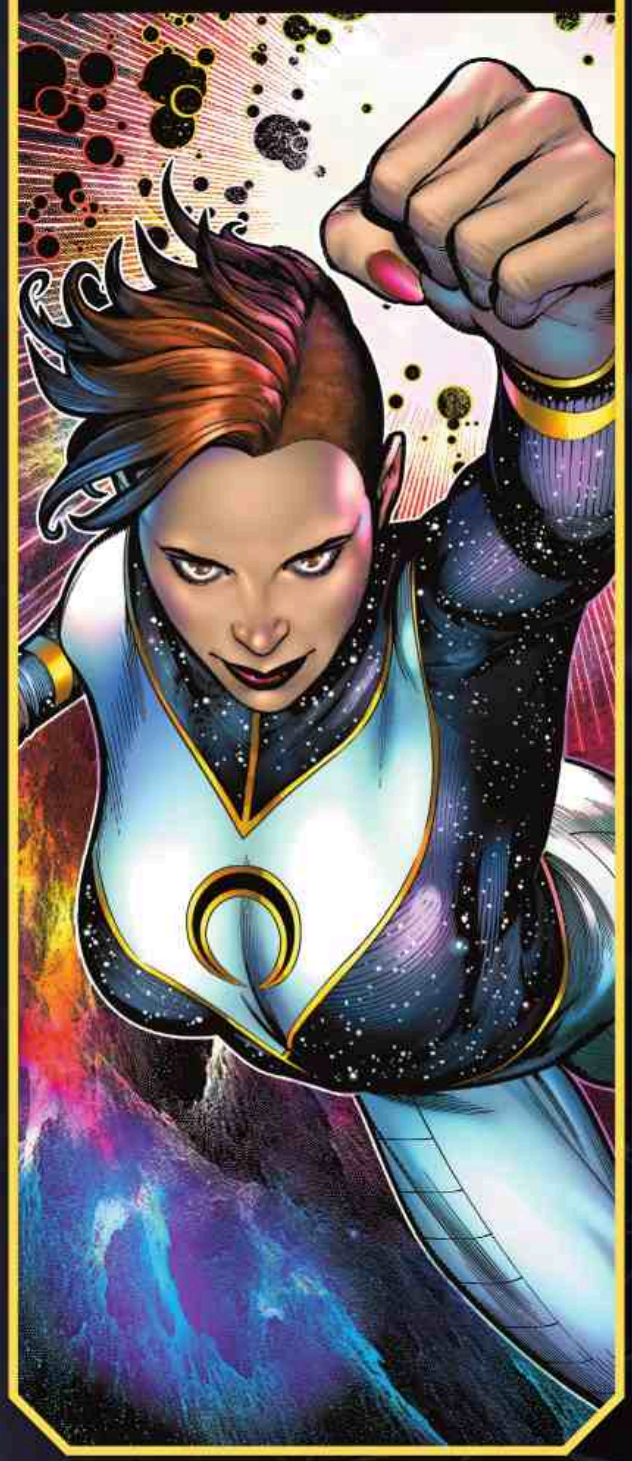
Dr. Maya Chamara was on a mission in Earth's orbit for the Canadian Space Agency when she was struck by cosmic energy, granting her unusual powers and abilities.

Among those abilities was Multivision, which allowed her to see the variants of a person across all reality. However, when she looked at herself she realized there was no one else like her in any other universe.

Maya learned she was a once-in-a-generation metahuman born into the Multiverse who can uniquely channel its life force once activated by external threats too great to be handled by each universe's natural defenses.

POWERS: Multivision, flight, enhanced durability. Cosmic tracking and teleportation. Energy manipulation.

DOCTOR MULTIVERSE



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JUSTICE LEAGUE INCARNATE #1

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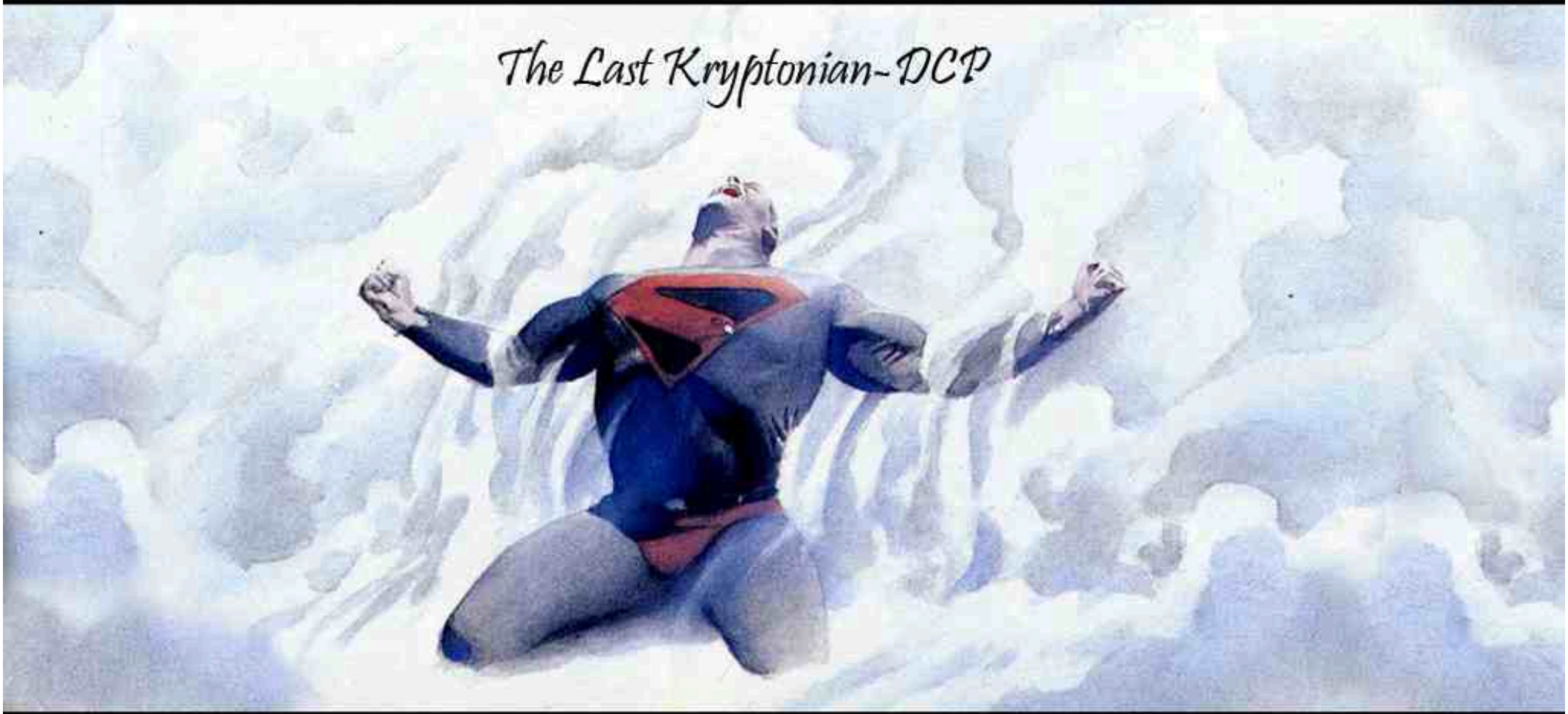
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